

A. AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on Page 1 of the specification as follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of, and domestic priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 120 from, application Ser. No. 09/502,170, filed Feb. 11, 2000, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,779,016 on August 17, 2004, entitled "Extensible Computing System," naming Ashar Aziz, et al., as inventors, the entire contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. Domestic priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119 from prior Provisional application Ser. No. 60/212,925, filed June 20, 2000, which is now abandoned, entitled "Symbolic Definition of a Virtual Computer System," and naming as inventors Ashar Aziz, et al., the entire contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Please amend the third paragraph on Page 1 of the specification as follows:

Data processing users desire to have a flexible, extensible way to rapidly create and deploy complex computer systems and data centers that include a plurality of servers, one or more load balancers, firewalls, and other network elements. One method for creating such a system is described in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/502,170, filed Feb. 11, 2000, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,779,016 on August 17, 2004, entitled "Extensible Computing System," naming Ashar Aziz, et al., as inventors, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. Aziz, et al., disclose a method and apparatus for selecting, from within a large, extensible computing framework, elements for configuring a particular computer system. Accordingly, upon demand, a virtual server farm or other data center

may be created, configured and brought on-line to carry out useful work, all over a global computer network, virtually instantaneously.